For maintenance of telegraph system the use of electronics Teleprinter machines, use of voice frequency telegraph system, store and forward type micro processor controlled message switching telegraph systems use of reliable high grade communication media such as microwave co-axial Satellite and UHF radio system etc. are being employed.

Manufacture of Telephone Instruments

687. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has recently been signed by India and Italy for the manufacture of five lakh telephone instruments per annum in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) An agreement has been entered into by Indian Telephone Industries Limited. Bangalore with M|s FACE standard of Italy in October, 1983 for manufacture of 5 lakh telephone instruments and 2.5 lakh critical parts each at Bangalore and Naini Units of Indian Telephone Industries of FACE Domino Rotary Type of telephones. This agreement also includes transfer of technology by the collaborator for manufacture of push button telephones. The sanction cost of the project is Rs. 18.33 crores.

Supply of ration to survivors of Bhopal Gas Tragedy

688. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the supply of free ration to the survivors of Bhopal Gas Tragedy, most of whom are crippled and belong to the working class, has been discontinued by the Government of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to get their rations restored so as to save them from starvation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, the supply of free ration has been discontinued as the state Government has already undertaken implementation of various relief and rehabilitation scheme to enable survivors to support themselves. Relief and rehabilitation measures include: (i) ex-gratia grant of Rs. 19,000 to the descendent for each of the deceased persons; (ii) Rs. 1500 to affected families having monthly income of Rs. 500 or less. (iii) Social security pension of Rs. 200 per month to the widows of the tragedy.

Under the Integrated Child Development Scheme, 538 anganwadi centres are functioning in the area benefiting about 62,000 children and